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LUBRIFICATION. *n. f.* [*lubricus* and *fio*, Latin.] The act of smoothing.

A twofold liquor is prepared for the inunction and lubrication of the heads of the bones; an oily one, furnished by the marrow; a mucilaginous, supplied by certain glandules seated in the articulations. *Ray on Creation.*

LUBRICATION. *n. f.* [*lubricus* and *facio*, Latin.] The act of lubricating or smoothing.

The cause is lubrication and relaxation, as in medicines emollient; such as milk, honey, and mallows. *Bacon.*

LUC. *n. f.* [perhaps from *lucus*, Latin.] A pike full grown.

They give the dozen white lues in their coat. *Shakesp.*

LUCENT. *adj.* [*lucens*, Latin.] Shining; bright; splendid.

I meant the day-star should not brighter rise,

Nor lend like influence from his lucent face. *Benj. Johnson.*

A spot like which perhaps

Astronomer in the sun's lucent orb,

Through his glaz'd optick tube yet never saw. *Milton.*

LUCID. *n. f.* [*lucidus*, Latin; *lucide*, French.]

1. Shining; bright; glittering.

Over his lucid arms

A military vest of purple flow'd;

Livelier than Melibeian. *Milton.*

It contracts it, preserving the eye from being injured by too vehement and lucid an object, and again dilates it for the apprehending objects more remote in a fainter light. *Ray.*

If at the same time a piece of white paper, or a white cloth, or the end of one's finger, be held at the distance of about a quarter of an inch, or half an inch, from that part of the glass where it is most in motion, the electric vapour which is excited by the friction of the glass against the hand will, by dashing against the white paper, cloth, or finger, be put into such an agitation as to emit light, and make the white paper, cloth, or finger, appear lucid like a glow-worm. *Newton's Opticks.*

The pearly shell its lucid globe unfold,

And Phœbus warm the rip'ning ore to gold. *Pope.*

2. Pellucid; transparent.

On the fertile banks

Of Abbana and Pharpar, lucid streams. *Milt. Par. Lost.*

On the transparent side of a globe, half silver and half of a transparent metal, we saw certain strange figures circularly drawn, and thought we could touch them, till we found our fingers stopped by that lucid substance. *Gulliver's Trav.*

3. Bright with the radiance of intellect; not darkened with madnels.

The long diffusions of the two houses, which, although they had had lucid intervals and happy pauses, yet they did ever hang over the kingdom, ready to break forth. *Bacon.*

Some beams of wit on other souls may fall;

Strike through and make a lucid interval;

But Shadwell's genuine night admits no ray, *Dryden.*

His rising fogs prevail upon the day.

I believed him in a lucid interval, and desired he would please to let me see his book. *Tatler.*

A few sensual and voluptuous persons may, for a season, eclipse this native light of the soul; but can never wholly smother and extinguish it, but that, at some lucid intervals, it will recover itself again, and shine forth to the conviction of their conscience. *Bentley's Sermons.*

LUCIDITY. *n. f.* [from *lucid*.] Splendor; brightness. *Diſt.*

LUCIFEROUS. *adj.* [*lucifer*, Latin.] Giving light; affording means of discovery.

The experiment is in itself not ignoble, and luciferous enough, as shewing a new way to produce a volatile salt. *Boyle.*

LUCIFICK. *adj.* [*lux* and *facio*, Latin.] Making light; producing light.

When made to converge; and so mixed together; though their lucifick motion be continued, yet by interfering, that equal motion, which is the colorifick, is interrupted. *Greiv.*

LUC. *n. f.* [*luc*, Dutch.]

1. Chance; accident; fortune; hap; casual event.

He forc'd his neck into a nooze,

To shew his play at fast and loose;

And when he chanc'd to escape, mistook *Hudibras.*

For art and subtlety, his luck.

Some such method may be found by human industry or luck, by which compound bodies may be resolv'd into other substances than they are divided into by the fire. *Boyle.*

2. Fortune, good or bad.

Glad of such luck the luckless lucky maid,

A long time with that savage people staid;

To gather breath in many miseries. *Sponſer.*

Farewel, good Salisbury, and good luck go with thee.

Shakesp. Henry V.

I did demand what news from Shrewsbury.

He told me, that rebellion had ill luck,

And that young Harry Percy's spur was cold. *Shakesp.*

That part of mankind who have had the justice, or the

luck, to pals, in common opinion, for the wisest, have followed a very different scent. *Temple.*

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Such, how highly faster they may have the luck to be thought of, are far from being lifesalutes indeed. *South.*

The guests are found too numerous for the treat,

But all, it seems, who had the luck to eat,

Swear they ne'er tasted more delicious meat. *Tate's Juu.*

LUDICIOUS. *adj.* [from *lucky*.] Fortunately; by good hap.

It is the pencil thrown luckily full upon the horse's mouth,

to express the foam, which the painter with all his skill could not form. *Dryden's Duffreſney.*

It happens luckily for the establishment of a new race of kings upon the British throne, that the first of this royal line has all high qualifications. *Addison.*

LUDICIOUS. *n. f.* [from *lucky*.] Good fortune; good hap; casual happiness.

He who sometimes lights on truth, is in the right but by chance; and I know not whether the lucidness of the accident will excuse the irregularity of his proceeding. *Locke.*

LUDICIOUS. *adj.* [from *lucky*.] Unfortunate; unhappy.

Glad of such luck, the luckless lucky maid,

A long time with that savage people staid,

To gather breath in many miseries. *Fairy Queen.*

Never shall my thoughts be base,

Though luckless, yet without disgrace. *Suckling.*

What else but his immoderate lust of pow'r,

Pray's made and granted in a lucky's hour? *Dryden.*

LUDICIOUS. *n. f.* [from *lucky*.] Fortunate; happy by chance.

But I more fearful, or more lucky wight,

Dismay'd with that deformed, dismal sight,

Fled fast away. *Fairy Queen, b. x.*

Perhaps some arm more lucky than the rest,

May reach his heart, and free the world from bondage. *Addison's Cato.*

LUDICIOUS. *adj.* [*lucratif*, French; *lucratus*, Latin.] Gainful; profitable; bringing money.

The trade of merchandize being the most lucrative, may bear usury at a good rate; other contracts not so. *Bacon.*

The disposition of Ulysses I inclined him to pursue the more dangerous way of living by war, than the more lucrative method of life by agriculture. *Notes on the Odyssey.*

LUDICIOUS. *n. f.* [*lucrum*, Latin.] Gain; profit; pecuniary advantage. In an ill sense.

Malice and lucre in them

Have laid this woe here. *Shakesp. Cymbeline.*

They all the sacred mysteries of heav'n

To their own vile advantages shall turn,

Of lucre, and ambition. *Milton's Par. Lost, b. xii.*

A soul supreme in each hard instance try'd,

Above all pains, all anger, and all wicks,

The rage of pow'r, the blast of public breath,

The lust of lucre, and the dread of death. *Pope.*

What can be thought of the procuring letters by fraud,

and the printing them merely for lucre? *Pope.*

LUDICIOUS. *adj.* [*lucrum* and *fero*, Latin.] Gainful; profitable.

Silver was afterwards separated from the gold, but in so small a quantity, that the experiment, the cost and pains considered, was not lucrative. *Boyle.*

LUDICIOUS. *adj.* [*lucrum* and *facio*, Latin.] Producing gain.

LUCIDITY. *n. f.* [*lucis*, Latin.] Struggle; effort; contest.

To LUCIDATE. *n. f.* [*lucidat*, Latin.] To watch; to study by night.

LUCIDATION. *n. f.* [*lucidatio*, Latin.] Study by candle-light; nocturnal study; any thing composed by night.

Thy lucidations have been perused by several of our friends. *Tatler, N. 78.*

LUCIDATION. *adj.* [*lucidatorius*, from *lucidat*, Latin.] Composed by candle-light.

You must have a sober dish of coffee, and a solitary candle at your side, to write an epistle lucidatory to your friend. *Pope.*

LUCULENT. *adj.* [*luculentus*, Latin.]

1. Clear; transparent; lucid. This word is perhaps not used in this sense by any other writer.

And luculent along

The purer rivers flow. *Thomson's Winter, l. 715.*

2. Certain; evident.

They are against the obstinate incredulity of the Jews, the most luculent testimonies that Christian religion hath. *Hogſp.*

LUDICROUS. *adj.* [*ludicr*, Latin.] Burlesque; merry; sportive; exciting laughter.

Plutarch quotes this as an instance of Homer's judgment, in cloſing a ludicrous scene with decency and instruction. *Notes on the Odyssey.*

LUDICROUSLY. *adv.* [from *ludicrous*.] Sportively; in burlesque; in a manner that may excite laughter.

LUDICROUSNESS. *n. f.* [from *ludicrous*.] Burlesque; sportive; merry cast of manner; ridiculousness.

LUDIFICATION. *n. f.* [*ludification*, Latin.] The act of mocking, or making sport with another. *Diſt.*

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LUFF. *n. f.* [in Scotland.] The palm of the hand; as, clap me aries in my luff.

To LUFF. *v. n.* [or *loof*.] To keep close to the wind. Sea term.

Contract your swelling sails, and luff to wind. *Dryden.*

To LUG. *v. a.* [lucan, Saxon; to pull; *lega*, Swedish, the hollow of the hand.]

3. To hall or drag; to pull with rugged violence.

You gods! why this

Will lug your priests and servants from your sides. *Shakesp.*

Thy bear is safe, and out of peril,

Though lugg'd indeed, and wounded very ill. *Hudibras.*

When savage bears agree with bears,

Shall secret ones lug faints by th' ears. *Hudibras, p. iii.*

See him drag his feeble legs about

Like hounds ill coupled: Jowler lugs him still

Through hedges. *Dryden.*

Whole pleasure is to see a strumpet tear

A cynick's beard, and lug him by the hair. *Dryden.*

Either every single animal spirit must convey a whole representation, or else they must divide the image amongst them, and to lug off every one his share. *Callier.*

2. To LUG out. To draw a sword, in burlesque language.

But buff and belmen never know these cares,

No time, nor trick of law, their action bars;

They will be heard, or they lug out and cut. *Dryden.*

To LUG. *v. n.* To drag; to come heavily: perhaps only misprinted for lugs.

My flagging soul flies under her own pitch,

Like fowl in air, too damp, and lugs along,

As if she were a body in a body. *Dryden.*

LUG. *n. f.*

1. A kind of small fish.

They feed on salt unmerchanted pilchards, tag worms, lugs, and little crabs. *Carew's Survey of Cornwall.*

2. [In Scotland.] An ear.

3. LUG, a land measure; a pole or perch.

That ample pit, yet far renown'd

For the large leap which Debon did compel

Caulin to make, being eight firs of ground. *Fa. 24.*

LUGGAGE. *n. f.* [from *lug*.] Any thing cumbersome and unwieldy that is to be carried away; any thing of more weight than value.

Come bring your luggage nobly on your back. *Shakesp.*

What do you mean

To doat thus on such luggage? *Shakesp. Tempest.*

Think not thou to find me slack, or need

Thy politic maxims, or that cumbersome

Luggage of war there thrown me. *Milton's Par. Regain'd.*

How durst thou with that fullen luggage

O' th' self, old in, and other baggage,

T' oppose thy lumber against us? *Hudibras, p. i.*

The mind of man is too light to bear much certainty among the rustling winds of passion and opinion; and if the luggage be prized equally with the jewels, none will be cast out till all be shipwrecked. *Glavin.*

A lively faith will bear aloft the mind,

And leave the luggage of good works behind. *Dryden.*

I am gathering up my luggage, and preparing for my journey. *Swift to Pope.*

LUGUBRIOUS. *adj.* [*lugubris*, French; *lugubris*, Latin.] Mournful; sorrowful.

A demure, or rather a lugubrious look, a sad or whining tone, makes up the sum of many mens humiliations. *Decay of Piety.*

LUKEWARM. *adj.* [The original of this word is doubted. Warmth, in Saxon, is *pleos*; in old Frick *hly*; in Dutch *heute*; whence probably our *lute*, to which *warm* may be added, to determine, by the first word, the force of the second; as we say, *boiling hot*.]

1. Moderately or mildly warm; so warm as to give only a pleasing sensation.

A dreary corse, whose life away did pass,

All wallow'd in his own, yet lukewarm blood,

That from his wound yet welled fresh alas! *Fairy Queen.*

May you a better feast never behold,

You knot of mouth friends; smoke and lukewarm water

Is your perfection. *Shakesp. Timon of Athens.*

Bathing the body in lukewarm water is of great advantage to temperate hot and sharp humours. *Wise's Surgery.*

Whence is it but from this attractive power that water, which alone diffils with a gentle lukewarm heat, will not diffil from salt of tartar without a great heat? *Newton's Opticks.*

2. Indifferent; not ardent; not zealous.

If some few continue steadfast, it is an obedience so lukewarm and languishing, that it merits not the name of passion. *Dryden.*

This sober conduct is a mighty virtue

In lukewarm patriots. *Addison's Cato.*

LUKEWARMLY. *adv.* [from the adjective.]

1. With moderate warmth.

2. With indifference.

LUKEWARMNESS. *n. f.* [from *lukewarm*.]

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1. Moderate or pleasing heat.

2. Indifference; want of ardour.

Some kind of zeal counts all merciful moderation lukewarmness. *King Charles.*

The defect of zeal is lukewarmness, or coldness in religion; the excess is inordinate heat and spiritual fury. *Spence.*

Go dry your chaff and stubble, give fire to the zeal of your faction, and reproach them with lukewarmness. *Swift.*

To LULL. *v. a.* [*lulla*, Danish; *lulla*, Latin.]

1. To compose to sleep by a pleasing sound.

There trickled softly down

A gentle stream, whose murmuring wave did play

Amongst the pumy stones, and made a sound

To lull him soft a sleep, that by it lay. *Fairy Queen, b. iii.*

Such sweet compulsion doth in mulick lie,

To lull the daughters of necessity. *Milton.*

These hills by nightingales embracing slept.

2. To compose; to quiet; to put to rest.

To find a foe it shall not be his hap;

And peace shall lull him in her flow'ry lap; *Milton.*

No more these scenes my meditations aid,

Or lull to rest the visionary maid. *Pope.*

By the vocal woods and waters lull'd,

And lost in lonely musing in a dream. *Thomson's Spring.*

LULLABY. *n. f.* [*lullus*, Latin.] Queen, nuticum fuisse deum contendit Turnebus, from *lull*: it is observable that the nurses call sleep by, *lullaby* is therefore *lull to sleep*. A long to still babes.

Only that noise heav'n's rolling circles keſt,

Sung lullaby, to bring the world to rest. *Fairfax.*

Philomel, with melody,

Sing in your sweet lullaby;

Lull a, lull a, lullaby, lull a, lull a, lullaby. *Shakesp. Tempest.*